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The Honorable William E. Colby Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Colby:

At the request of the Committee on Foreign Relations, Seth Tillman and George W. Ashworth of the Committee staff will be travelling in the Middle East from about November 26 until December 20.

We have asked Messrs. Tillman and Ashworth to look into the present situation in the region of conflict and to provide the Committee with an up-to-date examination of the political and military relationship between the United States and countries of the Middle East. They will be expected to give particular attention to the prospects for an Arab-Israeli settlement, to our relations with the oil-producing countries, and to future U.S. military assistance and economic programs and interests in the Middle East.

At the Committee's request, the staff will be in touch with American officials representing all aspects of U.S. civilian and military activities in the countries visited.

In the past officials of your Agency in Washington and in the field have been extremely helpful in enabling our staff to be as fully informed as possible in the Committee's areas of interest. I hope that we can again count on your cooperation, with the understanding, of course, that the security classification of any information provided to the staff will be fully respected.

Sincerely yours,

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